Prague makes it three in a row! - Paul Dean, P.3

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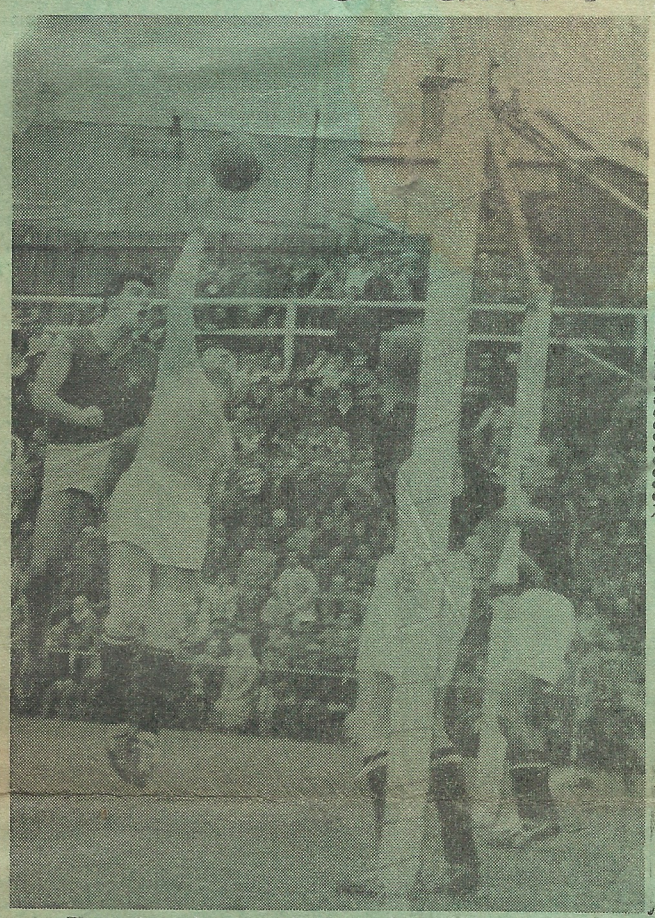

Shots from last week's Canterbury v. Prague premiership match at Arlington Oval which ended in a 2-all draw. TOP LEFT: Canterbury centre forward, open-mouthed (goal hungry?) J. Watkiss and Prague custodian, Ron Lord in aerial combat while full-backs Hiron and Sherwin guard the goal. EXTREME RIGHT: similar situation in Canterbury goal mouth. Pictured: Hoare (Prague), R. Brown, Nuttal and North (Canterbury). MIDDLE: Anxious moment for the massed Prague defence. H. KATSER—PHOTO

Hakoah, P. Hellenic in "sudden death" semi

CROWD PULLERS IN FINALS

Four of Sydney's top crowd pulling clubs have qualified for the 1961 championship semi finals.

Tomorrow, September 16, Hakoah plays Pan Hellenic in a "sudden death" encounter at Wentworth Park.

The following day, Sunday September 17, will see Prague, the 1961 Premiers clash with runners-up Canterbury at the Sydney Sports Ground.

The loser of this match will meet Saturday's winner next Sunday in the (preliminary) final.

All four semi-finalists are evenly matched and this year's finals should be the most thrilling, and well-attended, in the history of Federation soccer.

Pan Hellenic and Hakoah have already met no less than five times, so far, this season but this encounter will be their most important one.

Hakoah, on past performances, have the edge on Pan Hellenic.

They only lost to Pan Hellenic 3:1 in a trial match, but defeated their rivals 2:1, after extra-time, in the quarter-finals of the Ampol Cup and 4:3 in the opening round of the Craven A series in June; both competition matches were drawn: 1:1 and 2:2.

Pan Hellenic, its morale boosted by a near-miraculous entry into the semi-finals, will prove a very tough opponent for Hakoah.

More polished

Although the Blues are the more polished of the two Pan Hellenic's players make up in fighting spirit and superb fitness and speed what they might lack, in some positions, in finess.e.

In Mavro, Toussis and Omeros, Pan Hellenic have a formidable half-back line, which could be a match-winner in itself.

It will be up to Karl Jaros, a master tactician, to find a way to combat Pan Hellenic's very particular style of play if his team is to qualify for the Final.

If Hakoah is to win this match then its forwards must do it for them and score enough goals to allow for some possible mistakes by its "rear-guard".

I feel that Pan Hellenic's defence will prove too robust for Levi and his team-mates and that it will carry the team through to the final.

Determined

After last weekend's fantastic thriller another "classic" can be expected from the two foundation members of the Federation, Prague and Canterbury, who can always rise to the occasion and produce top-class football.

Canterbury, a shade unlucky to have lost last Saturday, are determined to turn the tables on Prague and enter the grand final.

On Saturday's performance this could easily happen, but one has to take into account that Eerwin Ninaus, Prague's international centre-half, will be back and also the fact that the 1961 Premiers will have more room on the wide Sports Ground turf to turn on their characteristic style of play than they had at Arlington Oval.

This season Prague have defeated Canterbury 3:2 and drawn 2:2 in the competition proper.

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FEDERATION POINTS

- The leaders at the end of the competition will be known henceforth as PREMIERS — (not "Minor" premiers) while the winners of the Grand Final will be termed the FEDERATION CHAMPIONS.
- A number of fines have been imposed on various clubs for incorrect registration of players.
- Prague 3rd grade team gets the points for the matches against Pan Hellenic and Budapest, who used over-age players. The goals scored for these matches to be recorded as 0:0.
- The Premiers will be presented with small replica cups.
- The following matches in the "washed out" round of the competition have been abandoned: Second and Third grade of First Division; Second grade of Second Division; First and Second grade of Third Division.
- Penrith have been awarded the points of their match against Melita Eagles, which was abandoned with the score 8:1 a few minutes from full-time.

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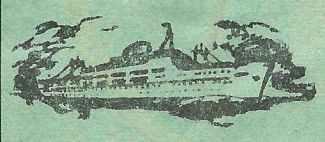

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EDITORIAL

FORERUNNER OF BIGGER THINGS

A new chapter will be turned in our soccer history on October 21 with the beginning, in Sydney, of the first Australia Cup.

Initiated by the Federation and supported by local and interstate clubs, this summer competition, spreading over five weekends, has enormous significance.

First of all, it will be the first time that so many teams from four States will have gathered in Sydney to compete for the highest ever prize money.

Through this Cup tourney we have taken the first step towards making soccer Australia's number one football code.

No rugby code has ever attempted any tournament of this kind before, partly because all have a following only in some States, none in others.

Soccer, no need to say, has a growing following in ALL States and the combined figure may soon reach and surpass all the others.

Another significant meaning of this Cup is that it serves, at least for the time being, as a splendid substitute for the visits of overseas teams.

In excitement, standard and crowd appeal these cup matches may well make up for any possible touring side's visit.

Sydney fans will be able to see the top teams from Victoria, South Australia and Queensland competing against our sides from Sydney and Newcastle.

The color provided by these matches can only help make soccer more appealing and more palatable.

The Federation and it's Chairman, Dr. H. Seamonds, deserve unlimited praise for their foresight in arranging this Cup which calls for huge organisation, a great deal of work and considerable financial investment.

Let's hope that the Sydney public will fully support the tournament which, if successful, could form the basis of an Australia-wide knock-out tournament later on.

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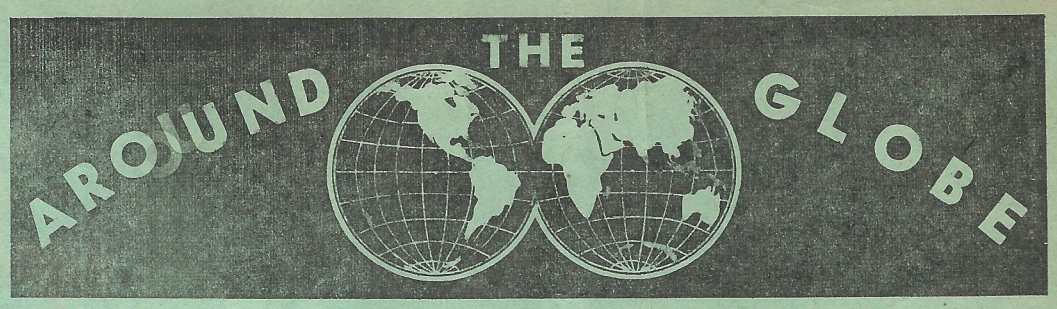

SCENE IN EUROPE

The Continent's leading club teams are not faring too well in their respective league championships.

In England Tottenham, after six rounds, is three points behind the lead, having lost its last match to Manchester United 1:0.

The surprise packet of the English league so far is Ipswich which just gained promotion from the Second Division and is very near the top of the table.

In Italy Jimmy Greaves' new team, AC Milan is leading and the starstudded Internazionale just can't get going.

In Austria, after two rounds, the picture is still obscure.

However, Rapid is not yet its former self as its defeat (1:2) by arch-rival FK Austria indicates.

A country team, Tatabanya is the clear leader in Hungary after five rounds while the "big teams" such as Ujpest, Vasas, MTK and Ferencvaros, are trailing.

After three weeks the leader in France is Kopa's team, Reims from last year's champions, Monaco.

With only three rounds gone in Yugoslavia there is no team that has not dropped at least a point and the early leader in the league is Partizan of Belgrade.

OVERSEAS RESULTS

World Cup eliminations: East Germany v. Hungary 2:3 (Leipzig). With this Hungary has qualified for final 16 in Chile. Norway v. Soviet Union 0:3 (Oslo).

Full internationals: Soviet Union v. Austria 0:1 (Moscow).

European Cup, first round matches: FC Nurnberg (West Germany) v. Drumcondra (Eire) 5:0; Vorwaerts Berlin (E. Germany) v. Linfield (N. Ireland) 3:0.

Fair Cities Cup: Milan v. Novisad (Yugoslavia) 0:0.

Ramon de Carranza Cup at Cadiz: FC Barcelona (Spain) v. River Plate (Argentina) 2:0; Penarol (Uruguay) v. Atletico Madrid 2:1; for 3rd place: River Plate v. Atletico 1:0; for 1st place: Barcelona v. Penarol 2:1.

International club matches: Utd. Los Angeles v. Real Madrid 0:9; Toronto v. Real Madrid 1:5; FC Barcelona v. Stade Reims 4:3; Hamburger SV v. Racing Paris 1:1; Nizza v. FC Barcelona 0:2; Austria Wien v. Ujpest 1:3; MTK v. Juventus 2:2; Internazionale v. Honved 3:2; Standard Liege v. Eintr. Frankfurt 0:2; Toulon v. Mannheim 1:2.

COMPETITION POINTS

AUSTRIA: Grazer AK, FK Austria, Linzer ASK, Sportklub all on 4 pts.

HUNGARY: Tatabanya 10, Ferencvaros 8, Honved 8, MTK 8, Ujpest 7, Vasas 7.

FRANCE: Reims 6, Montpellier 5, Monaco 5.

NOBODY COULD EVER ASK FOR MORE EXCITEMENT . . .

Nobody could ever ask for a more sensational ending of a competition than the one we witnessed last weekend.

Prague retained the premiership only through an almost fantastic, if not lucky goal scored in the 90th minute against Canterbury; had Saghi's corner kick gone any place else but straight into the net, Canterbury would have come first.

And then the semifinals... On Thursday last week most people would have laid odds against Pan Hellenic making the semis.

After all — all Polonia would have had to do was win one of their two remaining matches or draw both, against teams placed well behind them on the table.

Then Polonia lost twice and Pan Hellenic, having forced a dramatic draw with Budapest made the semifinals.

Even the middle positions on the table were only decided in the last minutes.

Auburn, going down disastrously to APIA, had slipped to 9th place when a draw would have made them 7th and even a 4:1 defeat would have made them 8th.

For once the bottom of the table also began to shake: of the last three placed teams two won — both 1:0 — while Sydney Austral, buried and forgotten by many, almost caused a tremendous shock by losing only 1:0 to Hakoah.

In Second Division Yugal, home and hosed, took things easy against Lidcombe last Thursday week — and lost.

In that division the semifinalists are still uncertain due to postponed matches and Croatia's latest abandoned match, in the second grade.

Luckless Julia will drop out to Third Division even though last week they won their match; however, Manly's goal average is so much better that the Manlysiders will have to lose something like 25:0 to Balgownie to reach the unfortunate Julia.

In Third Division the Drummoyne-Juventus match was abandoned with the home team leading 4:2.

If this result will stand, then Melita Eagles will win the premiership and, with that, promotion to Second Division.

It is worth mentioning that Prague is the only team that has a side in all grade finals; two of their teams finished first and one came second — an unparalleled achievement in Federation history.

At the same time, all three teams of Sydney Austral ended up at the bottom.

PAUL DEAN

KERWIN MAEGRAITH: HAKOAH

Paul Barclay tears up

The form sheet

What a finish to the premiership!

Both on Saturday and Sunday vital matches were decided in the dying moments of the game.

For the first time in years the premiership was in doubt till the final whistle went.

And Pan Hellenic's epic finish into fourth place must rank as the most thrilling and, perhaps, miraculous in years.

Sympathy must go to two teams. Firstly Canterbury who, unbeaten in the second round, had the premiership in their pocket 30 seconds from the end.

And secondly to Polonia N.S. who were in the top-bracket from the very first round and lost their last two matches when hit by injuries, thus missing the semi-finals.

But apart from last weekend's sensational results, it is worth looking back over the season to examine some of the unusual fluctuations of form.

Just look at the following: —

● The team that performed best against Prague was Auburn, who took three points from the premiers.

Yet they were the only club to lose a point to Sydney Austral. Can you beat it?

● APIA who lost matches to South Coast and Gladesville nevertheless defeated Pan Hellenic twice very convincinggly.

While holding Prague to two draws they were twice beaten by Hakoah and Polonia. Work that one out!

● Gladesville beat Hakoah and APIA, took three points from Polonia and yet played poorly enough to finish tenth in the competition.

This same type of anomaly can be found in the form of almost every team.

And this is why the 1961 premiership must rank as the most interesting in the Federation's short history.

For the first time it was consistently hard to forecast the results of matches.

With the exception of Sydney Austral, no team could be taken lightly, and the "glamor" teams lost points in the most unlikely matches.

Last year predicting was easy, and many of us were convinced of our talents as tipsters.

We were bemoaning the fact that there was no soccer pool in Sydney — it would have been so easy to win.

This year it would have been a very different story.

With the standard fairly even virtually over the whole First Division — upsets were frequent.

Forecasters grew less confident as their predictions were regularly shot down in flames.

Now, the long ordeal is over and the premiership has been decided. Next come the semi-finals and finals.

Of course there is a foolproof way of picking the ultimate winner of the Grand Final.

Not by studying the form, and not by playing a hunch.

Just use a blindfold and a pin . . .

American Health Cup Awards

We are unable to publish the final list of the 1961 "star" awards as the Sth. Coast United v. Sydney Austral match still has to be played.

This game, vital for the top three placings as Jim Kelly is the current leader, will be played this Sunday, at Woonona Oval.

We will bring you the complete and final list in our next issue.

The presentation of the trophy and cheques to the winners will take place next Sunday week, at the Final of the competition.

GUNS versus BOMBS

Services in annual combat

By JOHN HOLLAND

Over the years there has existed in Sydney a soccer competition played on Wednesday afternoons, which has not received very much publicity.

To the hundreds of Servicemen from every corner of the Commonwealth who are stationed in NSW it is their opportunity to get away from the specialised duties and repetitionary training periods of service life to take part in the sport of their choice.

The football is not of a high grade compared to Federation standards but interest has increased every year until the commencement of the 1961 season when nominations were received from eleven teams.

These teams consisted of seven (7) Army, two (2) Navy and two (2) from the Air Force.

Apart from individual tests of ability there is the highly regarded Corps or Unit competitive spirit which has a marked influence on the attitude and performance of players.

Like all competitions there are 'glamour' sides and perhaps this title fits best the team of the Royal Australian Engineers (Sappers), closely followed by HMAS Albatross and RAAF Richmond.

This side having played in eight of the last eleven Grand Finals and being successful in six of them.

They have tasted defeat but four times since the start of last season, each time by the odd goal.

In the 1960 season by Artillery 0:1 and 3:4 and RAAF 1:2, and in 1961 their only defeat was by 4:5 again by Artillery.

The 1961 Grand Final: Engineers and Arty staged a 'battle Royal' to be 4 goals each after two periods of extra time, but one week later Engineers took the honors with a 6:1 margin.

Stars of some past Army teams have included: Clem Higgins — Australia and Hakoah, Ray Hinks and Don Nicholls — North Shore, Johnny Van de Haas and Bob Campbell — Granville and Max Cowgill and Jock McDonald — Auburn.

Many of todays players belong to 2nd and 3rd Div. clubs, such as Penrith, Nova, Toongabbie, Guildford and Lansvale; the highly rated Penrith side has at least five regular Service players in their team.

The culmination of the season is the triangular Inter Services Series when NAVY, RAAF and ARMY clash for supremacy.

These matches are usually played on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of the third week of August, each service acting as hosts alternately.

This year it is the Army's turn and matches have been played at the School of Military Engineering at Casula on August 21, 23 and 25.

Fourth Semi for Canterbury - third premiership for Prague

By Paul Dean

People claiming this year's premiership competition to be the most exciting ever could be right.

However, 1961 was not the first in the Federation's brief history that the title was decided on the last day.

In 1957 Canterbury won the premiership on goal average from Auburn with Bankstown one point behind, third.

A peculiar aspect of the 1957 competition was that Canterbury once defeated Auburn, their closest rival, 7:1!

That year Prague, yet to import its star players, finished a humble 5th, Hakoah 6th and APIA 9th.

The following year Corrimal, taking part in the Federation competition for the first time, romped home with the league title, five points ahead of the runner-up, Canterbury.

Auburn slipped to third place and Bankstown to 7th but Prague, Hakoah and APIA, later to form the "Big Three", began to move up the ladder to 4th, 5th and 8th respectively.

Villawood performed disastrously, having collected only three points, their only win being a 2:1 over Sydney Austral.

In 1959 the reorganised Prague won the premiership by three points from vastly improved APIA.

Corrimal finished third but Canterbury slipped to fifth with Hakoah ahead of them.

Gladesville, from whom four points were deducted for non-appearences, could have finished higher than 8th in ordinary circumstances.

Bankstown, one of the oldest Australian clubs, had a poor season and finished 12th while Concord came last, having won only eight points.

Last year Prague won its second league title, this time by five points from APIA which succeeded in consolidating itself as a major club.

Canterbury was again prominent in third place followed by Auburn, Gladesville and Budapest.

The surprise of the season was the downfall of Hakoah which, despite great efforts, could not do better than 9th.

Three teams dropped out, among them Granville, the oldest club in Australia.

Manly, the woodenspooners, established a new Federation "record" in collecting only two points in the entire season, by defeating Corrimal, a shadow of their former great self.

Below we set out how, percentage-wise, the teams won the premierships since the inception of the Federation.

As a matter of interest, we also include the performances of the tail-enders in each season.

Canterbury's 75%, for example, means that the team won 75 per cent of the available points that year — 30 points from 20 matches.

For the sake of completion, we anticipate Sydney Austral to lose its last match at Woonona against South Coast Utd.

Should they gain a point, their percentages would improve slightly.

Point percentages of winner and tail-ender

1957:	1. Canterbury	75%
	11. E. Suburbs	12.50%
1958:	1. Corrimal	81.80%
	12. Villawood	6.8%
1959:	1. Prague	86.53%
	14. Concord	15.38%
1960:	1. Prague	88.46%
	12. Manly	3.84%
1961:	1. Prague	75%
	12. S. Austral	2.27%

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Results and details at a glance

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RESULT & SCORES

BANKSTOWN 3 (0)
J. Rivers (71 min.), G. De Vries (79 min., penalty), N. Savell (87 min.).

POLONIA N.S. 0 (0)
Awards by: LOU GAUTIER

BUDAPEST 2 (2)
L. Schauman (16 min.), T. Varglien (20 min.).

PAN HELLENIC 2 (0)
J. Gargale (76 min.), B. Burgoyne (79 min.).
Awards by: PAUL BARCLAY

CANTERBURY 2 (0)
J. Warren (65 min.), J. Watkiss (85 min.).

PRAGUE 2 (1)
H. Ninaus (28 min.). A. Saghi (90 min.).
Awards by: LOU GAUTIER

SYDNEY AUST. 0 (0)

HAKOAH 1 (1)
W. Hume (35 min.).
Awards by G. DAVENPORT

SOUTH COAST 1 (1)
A. Marshall (22 min.).

BANKSTOWN 0 (0)
Awards by: ERIC RAMSEY

GLADESVILLE 1 (1)
N. Townsend (16 min.).

POLONIA 0 (0)
Awards by: LOU GAUTIER

A.P.I.A. 5 [3]
R. McLaughlan (10 min.), L. Baumgartner (16 min.), V. Wentzel (30, 58 and 74 min.).

AUBURN 1 [0]
F. Dayney (83 min.).
Awards by: G. DAVENPORT

HOW THEY LINED UP AND PLAYED

G. DE VRIES**** W. WESTWATER**** **L. CONROY** ***** A. REID**** **R. MADDEN***** **K. WOODS***** J. STIFFLE**** S. JESSUP*** N. SAVELL*** J. RIVERS**** T. YATES***

TOTAL: 44

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TOTAL: 36

Referee: K. LOCKREY **Crowd: 1,200**

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TOTAL: 41

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R. BROWN*** T. NORTH**** G. NUTTALL**** D. BROWN**** **J. CURRY***** G. CAMPBELL**** **J. AMIGO** ***** B. SMITH**** J. WATKISS**** J. WARREN*** B. SALISBURY***

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TOTAL: 38

Referee: K. LOCKREY **Crowd: 1.000**

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TOTAL: 36

Referee: F. SBISA **Crowd: 1,300**

A. IGLESIAS**** L. STEDMAN**** **F. ROSENFLUH** ***** D. SCHIO**** J. MARSTON**** **F. BOTTALICO***** B. MORROW** **V. WENTZEL***** **L. BAUMGARTNER** ***** R. McLAUGHRAN**** P. HUGHES****

TOTAL: 46

W. HENDERSON*** R. DUFF*** R. McLELLAND** S. COUSINS**** F. VAN GAALEN**** F. DAYNEY**** B. STAPLES*** R. HALL*** G. CLYDESDALE**** L. QUESTED*** H. ROBERTSON***

TOTAL: 36

Referee: J. IPENBURG **Crowd: 2,500**

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Polonia-N.S. were on top for sixty minutes but a snap goal by J. Rivers changed the face of the match and from then on a demoralized Polonia were an easy prey for fast-moving Bankstown. Had Polonia kept their "heads" when things did not go their way the result could have been different. Bankstown, however, with nothing to lose played a "relaxed" game and made the most of their opponents' lapses.

In both halves the teams playing with the wind dominated play and could have scored more goals. In the first half Budapest played attractive, pattern football. However, after resumption they fell back into defensive and Pan Hellenic, playing with tremendous enthusiasm, managed to equalise and got within a whisper of winning.

This match was a fitting climax to the most exciting soccer season ever. Both teams were constantly on the attack but defences were on top and it was significant that all goals scored came from defenders' errors and not combined attacking moves. Play was of a high standard and always clean and fair. Canterbury were the more dangerous in front of goal and could have won. Canterbury seemed to have the game sewn up, after trailing for most of the match, when it led 2:1 with seconds remaining but A. Saghi scored a direct corner-kick practically on full-time.

A mediocre, dull, game which never produced top soccer. Hakoah was unimpressive for a semi-finalist while Sydney Astral, although they tried very hard, never displayed any organised plan to combat their opponents superior skill. Hakoah pressed for the whole game but atrocious finishing ruined chance after chance.

An unspectacular match which never reached first division standard. Both sets of forwards were weak and finshed poorly. With the expection of Alex Marshall all ten forwards were far below expectations. The provincials deserved their win as their Kelly-led defence was the more efficient.

Polonia had much more of the play than its opponents but, again, failed to capitalise in front of goal. Gladesville's defence was practically unpregnable but the forward-line gave another unconvincing display. It was a tense and exciting match but both teams played poor football. Both teams were affected by injuries to key players.

APIA's superiority was never in doubt and the Wentzel--Baumgartner combination swung the way decisively the Leichhardt team's way. Auburn could never match their opponents' science and, although Van Gaalen was as good as ever in defence the visitors were very disappointing. Apia appears to have struck devastating form, unfortunately too late for them.

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L. SCHAUMAN TOPS GOALSCORING LIST

Budapest's 21 year old captain, Les Schauman, took over H. Ninaus' goalscoring crown this season with 28 goals in the 22 competition rounds.

Schauman set a Federation record when he scored 7 goals, against Sydney Austral, in one match.

Last season Ninaus scored 46

goals, a Sydney record while Morrow (37) Baumgartner (30) and Hume (29) also bettered Schauman's 1961 total.

This season Ninaus must be content to share second place with V. Wentzel with Raffi Levi the only other player to top the 20 goal mark.

L. Schauman (Budapest)	**28**
H. Ninaus (Prague)	**24**
V. Wentzel (APIA)	**24**
R. LEVI (Hakoah)	**22**
R. Burgoyne (Pan Hellenic)	18
J. Watkiss (Canterbury)	17
J. Czubala (Polonia N.S.)	16
*R. Burns (Sth Coast U.)	15
L. Baumgartner (APIA)	13
W. Hume (Hakoah)	13
A. Bilbey (Auburn)	12
*A. Smit (Sydney Austral)	12
J. Bryce (Polonia N.S.)	11
J. Warren (Canterbury)	11
J. Haniotis (Prague)	10
A. Varglien (Budapest)	10

*SCU and Syd. Aust. still have to play their deferred match.

650,000 spectators watched games

The 1961 competition proper just ended has attracted 390,000 spectators to its 22 rounds.

Last season 350,000 had attended the 26 rounds — (the 1960 competition included 14 First Division clubs).

Since the beginning of the season early in February more than 650,000 have watched soccer in the Metropolitan area.

This figure includes trials, Ampol Cup, First, Second and Third Division, Interstate club visits and the first round of "Craven A" matches.

This season's weekly competition average crowd was 17,700 compared to 13,445 in 1960.

Last season 600,000 spectators watched the whole season's fixtures.

With the Premiership semis, final and Grand Final as well as big "Craven A" games and particularly the exciting new Australian Cup matches still to come we are set for the 800,000 mark when the season closes in mid-November.

It is interesting to note that APIA still heads the list in spite of an indifferent season and is the only club to average 5,000 spectators.

Newcommers Pan Hellenic have made their mark quickly on Sydney soccer whilst Hakoah's "glamour" tag has helped it to greatly improve on last season's crowds.

The same is true for Polonia North Side, while Prague maintained its position with Canterbury who again attracted large crowds toward the end of the competition.

South Coast United. with Kelly, gave soccer a great boost on the South Coast where they drew an average of 3,000.

Clubs on the down were Budapest and, naturally, Sydney Austral but it was Auburn and Gladesville who suffered the most from their loss of stature.

This season's crowds were most impressive when you consider that rain marred at least one weekend a month and that many good matches were played in opposition to each other.

The table below shows how each club drew in both "home" and "away" matches.

The figures in brackets represent last season's crowds for the 26 competition rounds.

APIA	114,000	(113,000)
Pan Hellenic	97,000	(II. Div.)
Hakoah	96,500	(61,000)
Prague	95,000	(96,000)
Canterbury	69,000	(72,000)
*Polonia N.S.	65,600	(26,000)
*Sth. Coast U.	52,000	(34,000)
Budapest	50,800	(58,000)
Auburn	49,000	(60,000)
Gladesville	38,000	(50,000)
Bankstown	36,500	(30,000)
Sydney Austral	23,000	(26,000)

*Formerly NS-EPT and Corrimal.

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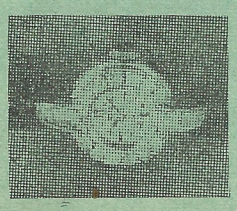

Competition Tables

FIRST DIVISION

First Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	14	5	3	59	34	33
Canterbury	13	5	4	51	27	31
Hakoah	12	6	4	64	38	30
Pan Hellenic	11	5	6	46	36	27
Polonia N.S.	11	5	6	51	44	27
APIA	10	4	8	55	43	24
Budapest	9	3	10	53	52	21
Bankstown	8	4	10	41	40	20
Auburn	7	6	9	43	42	20
Gladesville	6	3	13	35	49	15
*Sth. Coast U.	6	1	14	35	55	13
*Syd. Aust.	—	1	20	25	98	1

*Played one match less.

Second Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	15	3	3	56	25	33
Prague	14	2	5	56	37	30
Auburn	13	2	6	59	43	28
Bankstown	11	4	6	51	42	26
Sth. Coast U.	12	1	8	58	41	25
Canterbury	10	3	8	50	41	23
Pan Hellenic	7	5	9	55	56	19
Hakoah	7	4	10	56	46	18
Budapest	5	5	11	35	47	15
Polonia N.S.	5	2	14	29	57	12
Gladesville	3	5	13	31	54	11
Syd. Aust.	3	4	14	29	78	10

**All played one match less.

Third Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	14	6	1	71	21	34
Bankstown	15	4	2	54	20	34
Auburn	12	3	6	38	31	27
Canterbury	10	6	5	51	31	26
Polonia N.S.	11	3	7	40	32	25
Sth. Coast U.	11	2	8	44	31	24
Hakoah	10	1	10	40	33	21
APIA	8	3	10	37	37	19
Gladesville	7	4	10	26	33	18
Budapest	3	4	14	19	55	10
Pan Hellenic	3	2	16	27	56	8
Syd. Aust.	2	2	17	14	72	6

SECOND DIVISION

First Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yugal	18	1	3	75	28	37
***Granville**	15	2	4	62	28	32
***Balgownie**	14	1	6	55	25	29
***Croatia**	13	2	6	59	36	28
Corinthians	11	4	7	53	44	26
Blacktown	9	7	6	41	39	25
**Sutherland	8	5	7	43	44	21
Toongabbie	6	2	14	36	56	14
Lidcombe	6	2	14	39	67	14
Concordia	5	2	15	31	59	12
*Manly	4	2	15	30	55	10
Julia	4	2	16	22	65	10

*Played one match less; **played two matches less.

Second Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville	17	3	1	72	32	37
Corinthians	15	4	2	83	31	34
Balgownie	12	3	6	62	30	27
Sutherland	11	3	7	60	37	25
Yugal	11	2	7	42	32	24
Concordia	9	2	10	34	54	20
Manly	8	3	10	42	57	19
Blacktown	6	3	11	39	46	15
Toongabbie	5	5	11	29	53	15
Lidcombe	5	2	14	42	79	12
Croatia	4	3	12	30	44	11
Julia	3	3	15	21	69	9

THIRD DIVISION

First Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melita Eagles	13	3	2	64	31	29
***Juventus**	12	3	2	59	26	27
Penrith	11	2	5	51	26	24
***Drummoyne**	9	3	5	49	24	21
Nova	10	1	8	56	33	21
Sydney Uni.	10	1	7	45	48	21
Lansvale	7	2	10	49	41	16
Fairfield Malt.	8	—	9	30	44	16
Uni. NSW.	2	5	11	25	50	9
Guildford	2	1	15	41	92	5
**Hawkesbury	—	1	9	6	64	1

*D'moyne v. Juventus game was abandoned, 89th minute at 4:2.

**Withdrew.

Second Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Penrith	13	4	2	57	26	30
Melita Eagles	13	2	3	71	17	28
Juventus	12	3	2	61	22	27
Nova	10	1	8	59	31	21
Fairfield Malt.	8	3	7	33	37	19
Sydney Uni.	8	2	7	40	38	18
Drummoyne	7	4	7	29	33	18
Lansvale	5	4	8	31	40	14
Guildford	2	2	14	17	83	6
Uni. NSW.	2	1	15	19	81	5
*Hawkesbury	2	—	8	12	28	4

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SEMI-FINAL TEAMS

Pan Hellenic v. Hakoah

REFEREE: F. SBISA

LINESMEN: W. JAMESON, N. VIDLER

PAN HELLENIC		HAKOAH
J. HATZIS	1	H. WENZL
G. YANGOU	2	V. MACH
A. MAURICE	3	J. AIRD
E. MAVRO	4	M. CHALDI
T. TOUSSIS	5	A. HANDORF
C. OMEROS	6	A. BLUTSCH
J. GARGALE	7	P. HRNCIR
J. GENARIS	8	H. DOLEZAL
R. BURGOYNE	9	R. LEVI
S. PATRINOS	10	W. HUME
J. GEORGESON	11	K. JAROS

Canterbury v. Prague

REFEREE: R. PEARCE

LINESMEN: W. COOK, J. SCIFLEET

CANTERBURY		PRAGUE
R. BROWN	1	R. LORD
T. NORTH	2	K. HIRON
G. NUTTALL	3	S. SHERWIN
D. BROWN	4	W. TAMANDL
J. CURRY	5	E. NINAUS
G. CAMPBELL	6	L. SCHEINFLUG
J. AMIGO	7	G. JONES
B. SMITH	8	A. SAGHI
J. WATKISS	9	R. HOARE
J. WARREN	10	H. NINAUS
B. SALISBURY	11	F. TAMANDL

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, September 16

FIRST DIVISION

(FIRST GRADE)

SEMI-FINAL
HAKOAH v. PAN HELLENIC — Wentworth Park 3.00 p.m.

(SECOND GRADE)

SEMI-FINAL
AUBURN v. BANKSTOWN — Syd. Athletic Field 1.15 p.m.

(THIRD GRADE)

SEMI-FINAL
AUBURN v. CANTERBURY — Syd. Athletic Field 11.45 p.m.

Sunday, September 17

FIRST DIVISION

(FIRST GRADE)

SEMI-FINAL
PRAGUE v. CANTERBURY — Sports Ground 3.00 p.m.

(SECOND GRADE)

SEMI-FINAL
APIA v. PRAGUE — Sports Ground 1.15 p.m.

(THIRD GRADE)

SEMI-FINAL
PRAGUE v. BANKSTOWN — Sports Ground 11.45 p.m.

STH COAST v. SYD. AUST. — Woonoona Oval

SECOND DIVISION

MANLY v. BALGOWNIE — Seymour Shaw Pk. 1.15 p.m.
SUTHERLAND v. GRANVILLE — SEymour Shaw Pk. 3.00 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 7.45 p.m.

CRAVEN "A" CUP REPLAYS

BALGOWNIE v. PRAGUE — Wollongong S'ground No 1

Next weekend

Saturday, September 23

SEMIFINALS OF SECOND DIVISION 1st v. 3rd ;2nd v. 4th (ONLY FIRST GRADES) — Macarthur Park, Granville 1.15 P.M. & 3.00 P.M.

Sunday, September 24

FINAL OF FIRST DIVISION — Wentworth Park

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SECOND GRADE	1.15 P.M.
THIRD GRADE	11.45 P.M.

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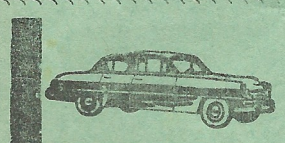

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- MELBOURNE -

From L. K. STONE

POLONIA 1
MORELAND 0

GOALSCORER: Maruszkiewicz (Polonia).

In the first match of the doubleheader at Olympic Park on Saturday, Polonia won their second State League Championship by narrowly defeating Moreland in the last State League match of the season.

In the 34th minute, Polonia's reliable centre half Maruszkiewicz scored the only goal from the penalty spot after Laughran handled the ball in the area in an effort to prevent the ball entering the net.

Although the champions played well below their usual form, they always looked more dangerous then Moreland who, nevertheless, gave a good account of themselves.

WILHELMINA 3
JUVENTUS 1

GOALSCORERS: Keuken, Van der Linden, .De Brueyekere (Wilhelmina); Accunzo (Juventus).

In the main match at Olympic Park on Saturday, Wilhelmina defeated Juventus in their 6th round Docherty Cup encounter.

Keuken connected with a long through pass in the second minute to open the account for Wilhelmina with a terrific left foot drive.

Juventus never really recovered from this early set-back and their forwards failed to capitalise on the few scoring chances that came their way.

SLAVIA 3
GEORGE CROSS 2

Goalscorers: Haasz 2, Gross, (Slavia); Zelinski, .T. .Vella, (George Cross).

Slavia scored a surprise victory in their outstanding State League match with George Cross at Port Melbourne.

After a scoreless first half, George Cross took the lead with a penalty kick by T. Vella five minutes after interval.

However their lead was short-lived as Slavia fought back splendidly and finished on a stronger note than George Cross who are now runners-up in the State League competition for the second successive year.

CRAVEN "A" CUP

HOLLAND 2
SCOTLAND 0

GOALSCORERS: Beerendonck, Bons, (Holland).

Holland defeated Scotland in the first Semi Final of the Craven A World Cup match at Olympic Park on Sunday in glorious sunshine.

The game was not of a high standard and both teams were below their accustomed form.

Holland comprising the entire Wilhelmina team at least had well developed teamwork which enabled them to score a goal in each half.

- BRISBANE -

From LEN TODD

Our competition season draws to a close and Saturday will be our last for the season at the Cricket Ground, when Hellenic and Azzurri clash again, this time in the final of the Tristram Shield, the Q.S.F.A.'s top K.O. competition for many years.

On Saturday Azzurri stopped Latrobe's run of success over First Division clubs and won 8:1.

Latrobe had previously beaten Blackstone, East United, Grand-Thistle and Oxley in successive matches, but on Saturday were forced to play no less than six reserves, all of them teenage juniors.

In addition to the defection of three of their English importations, Latrobe had four its top juniors in NSW with the Queensland junior team.

On Wednesday Hellenic defeated Merton by the only goal of the match to reach the semi final of the Wills Ascot £500, and Latrobe defeated Oxley to also reach the semi-final.

Latrobe drew 3:3 with Oxley, but under competition rules in the Ascot £500, the issue was decided on corner kicks, and here Latrobe were ahead 12:2.

TRICKY MALAYAN

Gladesville-Ryde's spectacular Malayan player, 17 year old Balikrishnan, has made a world of difference to his club's grade team.

He is definetly equal to most 1st grade stars, but Gladesville are reluctant to put him in the top grade because of his small size.

Balikrishnan has a 'trick' which would make topliners envious.

He approaches a fullback and ... oversteps the ball, then he flicks the ball from behind him with his heel, over his and the fullback's head, runs round the fullback and carries on dribbling.

RICK BRUCE

- NEWCASTLE -

From PAUL MACKENZIE

Wallsend added another trophy to its long list when, at Adamstown on Saturday, it defeated Merewether, 5:2 to win the Daniels Cup for the second year in succession.

This is the second year in succession that Wallsend has won theDaniels Cup, a competition played to raise funds for junior and school football in the North.

Wallsend this season, has already won the Ampol Cup, the Daniels Cup and been second on the premiership points score talble.

And it must be given a great chance of being one of the sides hardest to beat in the Craven A knock-out competition in which preliminary round matches were played last week-end.

Merewether is the team which has risen from the Second Division to First Division status, replacing Blacksmiths Rangers in the top grade last season.

It showed by its spirited opposition at Adamstown on Saturday that it will, if it retains the form, do well in the First Division next season.

Blacksmiths Rangers left top grade ranking on Sunday when beaten 10-nil on a rain-soaked ground by Cessnock in a qualifying round match for the Craven A knock-out competition.

Blacksmiths have been a great disappointment this season and their form — or luck —seems to have disappeared since the club had a disagreement with George Arthur, the Australian Olympic Games team player, who was its captain-coach last season.

The disturbing feature about Blacksmiths Rangers' relegation is the fact that the eastern side of Lake Macquarie, a very big soccer centre, will now be left without a top grade side because Charlestown United went down to the Second Division last season.

However, there is a parallel since the north-east of England, with such mighty teams as Newcastle United and Sunderland, is this season without a team in the First Division of the English League.

In the other Craven A match Cessnock defeated Blacksmiths 10:0 and Cardiff defeated Newcastle Australs 1:0.

Play was spoiled by a heavy playing pitch made so by rain which had fallen almost incessently for two days.

In the circumstances, the standard of play in the Cardiff v. Newcastle Austral match was very good, — and so, too, was the crowd of more than 4000 who showed commendable patience and forebearance by standing in the rain for so long.

The Craven "A" competition will be really "on" next week-end. At Adamstown on Saturday, Cardiff will meet Awaba in the early fixture. while Cessnock is to meet Wallsend in the late fixture.

Two good matches they should be. On Sunday, at Wallsend, Lake Macquarie is to meet Mayfield United, while West Wallsend will play Adamstown, the North's major premier.

That will reduce the field to four — and with the financial reward for success being so great — the pressure will be really on.

HAVE YOUR SAY

MOVE OUT TO THE SUBURBS

The New South Wales Federation is enjoying its greatest season.

However, I feel that the clubs have reached their peak concerning spectators and will be unable to gain more in their present areas.

The time has come to exploit the outer suburbs.

Strong junior areas, such as Sutherland, Gosford, St. George, Liverpool and several others, have no leading clubs anywhere near their locality and residents are forced either to follow other district clubs or another sport.

If some clubs could move away from the city I feel more followers could be gained.

Prague club, for instance. has been very interested in the St. George area for a long time.

Another alternative would be for the Federation and the Junior Association to help form new clubs in the Gosfor, East Hills, Palm Beach, Liverpool. Hornsby, Blue Mountains and Western Suburbs areas, for entry into the Federations lower divisions.

At least 50 per cent of our soccer juniors are lost to the game at the age of 17.

J. Williams, Kirrawee.

Editor replies:

Mr. P.A. Lewis, Greenwich. Thank you for your letter. We do not know whether the ABC or the newspapers were right. Either could have erred.

Mr. V. Bernhardt, Mt. Druitt. Thanks for your comments. Unfortunately — out of date.

Mr. Simanick, Blacktown. We feel your letter should have been sent to the club concerned. Thanks for your comments.

SECOND DIVISION

By LES FARR

Well it's all over bar the shouting and although there are a couple more games to be played this weekend all the issues have been decided.

Yugal won promotion and the "wooden spooners" are Julia, who drop to the Third Division on goal average.

In a thrilling game last Saturday, Corinthians beat Balgownie the score being:

CORINT'S v. BALGOWNIE 5:3

A neat header by Harris gave Balgownie an early lead but with a goal by Miller Corinthians drew level.

A good run by Selley who cut the ball back for Bridges to score put Corinthians in the lead but Balgownie fought back and equalised when Harris scored his second goal.

Ratcliffe scored shortly before half time to give Corinthians an interval lead of 3:2.

Both sides were playing attractive soccer and, when McWatters scored for Balgownie from a penalty for hands, it was anybody's game.

Corinthians forwards looked more dangerous however and goals by Wilding and Miller gave them a well deserved win.

Granville, who have only dropped one point in their last eleven games defeated Concordia by:

C'CORDIA v. GRANVILLE 0:2

Granville had little difficulty in winning this game which had an end of the season air about it.

Both goals were scored in the first half by Hobbs and with Concordia forwards lacking any real punch Granville coasted to a fairly easy win.

Manly fought back well to gain a vital point against Blacktown that keeps them away from the "big drop", the game ending:

MANLY v. BLACKTOWN 2:2

When Blacktown went to a 2 goal lead in the first half with goals scored by Melinz and Bacchiella they seemed all set for a big win.

But Manly desperate for points, fought back and a goal by Littleales pulled them up to 1:2 at halftime.

Playing with the wind in the second half Manly pressed hard and a goal by Collier gave them a well earned draw.

A big crowd saw Yugal consolidate their position at the top of the table with a convincing win over Croatia by:

YUGAL v. CROATIA 3:0

Yugal attacked strongly from the start and took the lead after 5 minutes when Yelisavcich scored with a hard drive.

They held this lead until half ime and then opened the second half with another fifth minute goal, this one headed in by Krstulovich.

Croatia tried hard to get on terms but another good goal by Yelisavcich, who is going to be a tower of strength in the First Division, clinched a solid victory for Yugal.

Eight goals were shared when Sutherland and Lidcombe played a draw at Miranda:

SUTHERL'D v. LIDCOMBE 4:4

Lidcombe, who have finished the season in blaze of glory, looked like running away with this match when with goals by Tribolet, Pincott and Laggan they were 3 up in 25 minutes.

Sutherland replied with a goal by Christmas and then a penalty scored by Rae just on half time made them only one down at the interval.

Rattenbury levelled the score for Sutherland in the second half but Pincott scored his second goal to give Lidcombe the lead once more.

In a storming finish, Rattenbury again netted for Sutherland and an exciting game ended with honours even.

In what proved to be a vain effort, Julia took both points from Toongabbie, the result being:

TOONGABBIE v. JULIA 1:2

Toongabbie took the lead after 15 minutes which they held till just on halftime when Rossi equalised for Julia.

The second half saw Julia fighting hard and a goal from a penalty, scored by Rossi proved to be the match winner.

THIS WEEKEND

The last two matches of the competition will be played as a double header at Seymour Park, Miranda this Sunday.

Granville play Sutherland St. George and should win.

In the other game Balgownie meet Manly and should gain an easy victory.

THIRD DIVISION

By BILL HUGHES

JUVENTUS v. D'MOYNE 2:4

Juventus seems to have lost all chance of promotion after Saturday's match.

The game was marred by illegal tackling and generally rough play by both teams.

At times the referee had a difficult time keeping order.

Ten minutes from time he abandoned the game.

M. EAGLES v. SYD. UNI. 4:0

The game was played in good spirit with both teams trying hard to play attractive football.

Syd. Uni. surprised by holding their opponents to nil-all at half time and it was not until midway through the seiond half that Melita Eagles managed to break through.

From then on they were on top and ran-out easy winners.

UNI. NSW. v. PENRITH 1:1

This was a case of wasted chances by Penrith.

Their inside forwards were continuously making openings only to see them wasted when well within shooting distance.

Penrith went ahead after 25 minutes with a good goal by their centre forward.

They had a territorial advantage for most of the game. But in the 75th minute Uni. NSW. managed to break away and score against the run of play.

From then on both teams tried hard for the decider but the score remained unchanged.

LANSVALE v. F. MALTESE

We regret we are unable to publish a report on your game as we have no way of contacting you.

LAST WEEKS RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION
(2nd and 3rd grades)

Canterbury v. Prague	0:1;	3:3
Syd. Aust. v. Hakoah	4:10;	0:3
Budapest v. P. Hell.	0:2;	1:1
Sth. Coast v. Bankst'n	5:7;	2:0
Gladesville v. Polonia	1:1;	1:1
APIA v. Auburn	3:1;	4:0

SECOND DIVISION

Corinth's v. Balgownie	5:3;	5:1
Concordia v. Granville	0:2;	1:3
Manly v. Blacktown	2:2;	0:2
Yugal v. Croatia	3:0;	*
Sutherl'd v. Lidcombe	4:4;	5:3
T'gabbie v. Julia	1:2;	0:2

*Abandoned.

Postponed matches
(First grade only)

Yugal v. Lidcombe	1:2
Toongabbie v. Concordia	2:3
Corithians v. Julia	4:2
Croatia v. Blacktown	3:3

THIRD DIVISION

D'moyne v. Juventus	*4:2;	2:3
Syd. Uni. v. Melita E.	0:4;	0:3
Fairf'd M. v. Lansvale	2:1;	3:1
Penrith v. Uni. NSW.	1:1;	4:0

Change of name brought change of luck

YUGAL - Asset to First Division

A change of name this year brought a change of fortune to Yugal.

Formerly called Dalmatinac, the club came into being in 1956, when several young Yugoslavs got together to kick a football around a park in Liverpool.

Young Marin Batistic first thought of forming a club, and as a player and an organiser he did much to help put the club on its feet.

It was one of life's tragedies that Marin died in 1959, so did not live to see the fulfilment of his ambitions for the club.

Another tireless worker for the club was Ivan Pudarich, who was first a player, then became president in 1958.

The club soon attracted the interest of some local compatriots, and men like Anton Curac, George and Maurice Posa, Peter Pecotich, Frank Stanich and Morrie Kastelin have been active committeemen almost from the start.

Dalmatinac entered the Granville District Junior Competition in 1957 and won the Robinson Cup.

The following year they were granted admission to the Federation and won their way to Second Division where they met with moderate success.

During 1960 the club strengthened its committee,Mick Alagich was elected secretary, which position he still holds, and Dr. Lintner took over the position of coach.

Both of these men have done much for the club in a short while and early this year Dr. Lintner was elected president.

Last summer some important changes in policy were decided, the first step being to find a better ground.

The club was successful in securing the use of Concord Oval.

It was then decided to change the name of the club to Yugal, the aim being to become representative of the whole Yugoslav community in Sydney.

The next, and most important thing, was to strengthen the team and three top class players were imported from Yugoslavia — Boris Krstulovich, who is now captain-coach and plays at centre half, Sam Ivanisevich, a clever inside forward, and Tony Nincevich, a prolific goal-scoring centre forward.

Other additions to the side were Kurt Spiegel, goalkeeper from Hakoah, Frank Aranyi, wing-half, also from Hakoah, Johhnny Mucillo, winger from Auburn, and Brian Robinson, winger from Manly.

By Les Farr

These seven players, together with Jakov Fiajmenco, Luci Bogdanovich, Steve Lorik, Peter Grbavac, Mike Petkovich and Andy Novak, formed the squad that for most of the season kept Yugal on top of the Second Division competition.

A notable addition to this squad was Tihomir Yelisavcich, a brilliant inside forward who played and toured the world with top Yugoslav club Partizan and who was flown to Sydney just in time to help Yugal win the all important game in mid-August against Balgownie.

With a realistic approach to the future, Yugal do not intend resting on their laurels and have already started negotiations to bring out four more top flight players from Yugoslavia.

I also understand that they are hoping to sign two more Yugoslav players at present playing with top clubs in Australia.

Yugal may well follow in the footsteps of Budapest, Pan Hellenic and Polonia and prove to be a decided asset to First Division.

STAR PARADE

Peter Keen - Gladesville

Born in Birmingham 24 years ago, Keen started his football career with Birmingham City.

After three years at St. Andrew's, he joined the Birmingham league club, Bromsgrove Rovers, where he played for a season until he was drafted into the Royal Air Force.

This probably was the best thing that ever happened to him from the soccer point of view.

Peter was sent to the trouble spot Cyprus, and it was there he really learned his (soccer) craft.

He played with such stars as Alec Parker, Everton and Scottish World Cup fullback Pat Neil (Wolverhampton Wanderers), Brian Handley (Torgury United) and several other well known players

Usually before the players took the field the ground was tested with mine detectors.

Peter earned representative honors against Malta, Cyprus and the forces in North Africa.

After his discharge he packed his bags and came out to Australia with his wife to join his parents.

Until Mick Keen (a policeman) was transferred to Keen brothers playing with Keen Brothers playing with Gladesville-Ryde.

Peter is happy out here, and a few weeks ago began to build his own house at Kirrawee.

Ideally built for a defender - 5ft. 9in. and 11 stone - Keen has neither the great gift of speed nor any unusual power of recovery.

But he has a tremendous sense of positional play which compensates for it.

He is seldom left trailing behind the fastest wingers.

When he is upfield, he takes the shortest route towards his own goal in readiness for the final assault.

Though he places a lot of faith in timely intervention, his tackling is strong, determined and clean.

In fact the number of free kicks awarded against him is very few.

He is a firm believer in the maxim that a player gets out of the game only what he puts into it.

He is intensely loyal to his club, a grand colleague and a model for the youngsters.

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by Tad Targ

IMPOSSIBLES — STRAIGHT AWAY . . .

Well, well, well. After 22 competition rounds or — almost 132 matches — the Premiership was left to be decided in the 132nd.

It was decided all right — three times in five minutes!

First Prague won it until five minutes from full time, with the score then being 1:1.

Then Canterbury wrested it away when they scored and led 2:1.

Then again Prague won it once more 30 seconds from full time, when they equalised in impossible circumstances.

Which goes to prove that nothing is impossible if you really try.

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P.S.: Canterbury, unluckily, missed out on the Premiership — just 30 seconds from full time. Yet, some 30 years hence, a soccer supporter, maybe even my son, might dig up an old, battered copy of this issue, look up the final table, and say to his son (my grand . . . ?): "Look, that year, Prague won it easy again — by two points!"

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. . . MIRACLES TAKE A LITTLE LONGER

Yes, miracles take a little longer — three days to be precise.

Pan Hellenic, before last Thursday night were one point behind Polonia N.S. in practice and three points behind in theory, as Polonia had two matches in hand and Pan Hellenic only one.

Polonia had "easy" matches, Pan Hellenic a tough one.

Polonia needed two points in theory or, as it turned out, only one point in practice, to reach the semis.

Yet, between Thursday and Sunday they have sacrificed their whole effort of 22 weeks; an effort that included some outstanding performances.

Pan Hellenic on the other hand never gave up hope.

They plugged along and took their chances well.

My congratulations to them in their firht year in First Division.

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SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

EINAR ("Sunny face") PERSEN, our "Did you know that . . ." writer, got itchy feet once again in his life.

In fact it is his "13th year itch" — it is 13 years since he arrived in Australia.

So, he decided to look up his native land, Norway.

Having been a sailor before, he signed on as a cook on a Swedish ship "CUMULUS", and is sailing off tonight.

Einar will be away for six months and will visit the following countries: Italy, France, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Poland, Sweden, Finland, NORWAY, USA. and New Zealand.

He's sorry to miss the Grand Final but, I am sure, will make up for it while in Europe.

Einar asked me to thank, on his behalf, all the "Did you know that" contacts and contributors. He will get in touch with them on his return.

In the meantime he promi-

to write to us, and send us his reflections and comments on European soccer.

We wish you, Einar, all the best of luck.

Bon voyage and — au revoir!

HITTING AT AUSTRALIAN WAY OF LIFE? - NONSENSE

The thrills of last weekend brought a fitting climax to this most exciting of all competitions.

There can be no doubt this year has seen the greatest advance the code has known so far in NSW.

There has been outstanding improvement in every direction.

On the field in a much higher standard of play, brought about by the introduction of many new faces and a more realistic approach to training and coaching.

Off the field there has been some first class, progressive thinking and an overall tightening of the control of the game.

In fact the only way in which we have not made progress — with the notable exception of Wentworth Park — has been in the grounds and ground facilities available and, as I pointed out last week, this is, to a large extent, beyond the Federation's control.

However, things are moving and a concerted effort is to be made to arrange better accomodation next year for headquarters.

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Despite the criticism from some quarters, I am convinced the Australia Cup will prove a success — there is no doubt it will pull in the crowds.

Then next year there are plans to stage a cup on a national basis, that is nationalities from all over Australia playing in a knock-out cup competition on a home and away basis in the capital cities.

By Trevor Hilton

This, of course, will not materialise in all probablity if we get back into FIFA next year.

Criticism has also come from certain quarters that by extending the season we are hitting at the Australian way of life — that the players will want to play other sports during the summer.

This I regard as palpable nonsense.

In the first place by playing under lights at night the climatic considerations don't arise, and anyway players do not have to play.

But I venture to suggest those who don't will be in a minority.

As for the Australian way of life, well, if we are to become a world class soccer nation, then we must follow the example of every other country in the world.

By using lights in early summer it would be possible for our teams to have a break in the middle of the winter, when conditions from a crowd pulling point of view are not the best.

This break would particularly apply when we are back in FIFA and have overseas teams touring — the break would enable all our players to watch the matches on weekends.

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With so much at stake, it was good to see the excellent sporting spirit in which the vital matches last weekend were played.

More exhibitions like this and there will be an ever increasing number of "neutral" fans being converted to the soccer terraces.

Titles decided in extra time

By KEITH GILMOUR

The under 14 and under 10 years finals at Gladesville Sports Ground last Saturday both went to extra time before they were decided.

The strong Newcastle under 10 lads did not allow the Bankstown boys to settle down to their smart passing game and the Northerners clinched the early games were real time goal.

There was an excellent attendance at the matches, and the early gafes were real thrillers.

Canterbury's inside right, D. Yagger, helped greatly in his team's win, again in extra time.

His drive was a beautifully-timed shot, taken on the half-volley, from just inside the penalty box.

The crowd was in uproar for almost the entire game.

Many comments were made that the 11 goals were better than is seen in most First Division games.

Their Illawarra opponents played so well that they certainly did not deserve to lose the title.

Newcastle under 16s proved too strong for Eastern Suburbs.

The Newcastle team was drawn from Lake Macquarie, Cardiff, Adamstown and Wallsend clubs.

The match produced some good football, but did not reach the standard of the under 14s.

The A grade final went to Gladesville.

Newcastle was represented by Fernleigh Royals, Newcastle All-age premiers.

RESULTS

Under 10. Newcastle v. Bankstown 3:2.

Under 12. Newcastle v. St. George 3:0.

Under 14. Canterbury v. Illawarra 6:5.

Under 16. Newcastle v. Eastern Suburbs 2:0.

Under 18. Canterbury v. Newcastle 5:1.

Under 21. Newcastle v. Granville 3:1.

A grade. Gladesville v. Newcastle 5:1.

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Semi-finalists for 1961 Robertson Cup are Lane Cove United, Hungaria Canberra, Shortland and the winner of West Ryde Rovers and Gladesville Ravens.

In the quarter finals last week, Punchbowl gained an early lead of two goals, but could not hold the Ryde boys attack.

West Ryde ended up victors by 6 goals to 2.

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The Sydney Association's Floodlit Carnival will commence tonight, at Lidcombe Oval.

Lightning tournament matches will commence at 7 p.m., and conclude at 10.15 p.m.

A full programme of matches will also be played on Saturday night from 7 p.m.

Representative teams drawn from eight Associations will participate.

For the first time, under 8 competitions will be played.

The under 8s on Friday night will be St. George and Gladesville.

The next game will feature St. George and Kuringai in under 9s.

Players are required to keep the ball in play continually, and to make a quick change-over at half-time.

Queensland team visits N.S.W.

The Queensland under 18 team arrived in Newcastle last weekend, and will play in Sydney this weekend.

They will play Sutherland Shire at Seymour Shaw Park this Saturday, at 3 p.m.

The main match of the tour will be at Lambert Park on Sunday at 1.15 p.m. against the State Champions, Canterbury.

The Canterbury side should provide good opposition for the visitors, as they had a clear-cut win over Newcastle to take the State title.

On the programme will be an under 8 final at 12.30 p.m., Southern Districts v. Canterbury, and the Robertson Cup quarter-final at 2.45 p.m. will be between West Ryde Rovers and Gladesville Ravens.

Managers of the Queensland team are Mr. A. Hinsbey and Mr. A. Bugden.

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T.V. All-Stars v. Radio

A.T.N.'s Digby Wolfe will skipper a combined T.V. All-Stars team, drawn from Channels 7 and 9, against the Radio Stars team in the main match at Redfern Oval on Saturday night, September 23.

This will be the first appearance of the Radio team.

Proceeds of the night's entertainment will benefit football amongst the schoolboys and juniors.

Included on the programme will be a replay of the under 10 metropolitan final between Sutherland and Bankstown.

Proceedings will commence at 7.30 p.m., under the brilliant Redfern Oval lights.

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Herbert Ninaus will have to return to last season's "goal-getting craze" to make any impression on level-headed J. Curry, as Saghi can hardly be expected to kick any more direct corners!

I feel that this semi-final will again develop into a colossal struggle between two clever defences.

The slightest error in the "eighteen yards" will probably result in a winning goal.

I expect Prague to win, mainly because of greater "big" match experience.

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